

THE LIGHT PLANT NEEDS MACHINERY

It is Now Equipped With Obsolete Material.

Expert Humphrey Will Not Be Ready
With Estimates For Two Weeks
—Two Plans Proposed.

GENERAL COUNCIL DECIDES

Electrical Engineer H. H. Humphrey, of St. Louis, who came here yesterday at the instance of the board of public works to go over the city light plant and ascertain what is needed, returned home last evening.

He will have estimates ready for the board in about two weeks. He made a thorough inspection of the plant, and found much obsolete, undesirable machinery.

The board of public works will get from him two estimates, one for temporary repairs to the light plant, and the other for permanent improvement of that will equip the plant for supplying Paducah with all the lights likely to be needed for ten years to come.

While at present there are no figures available, it is thought that between \$5,000 and \$8,000 will be necessary to patch up the plant temporarily, or without making any provisions for the future, while the permanent improvement of the plant will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000 or \$20,000.

"We, of course, have nothing to do with the ultimate settlement of the question," said a member of the board this morning. "We can only find out what the city needs and recommend it to the general council."

"We have found already that the city light plant was never what it should have been. Cheap, second-hand machinery was installed at the start, which was ten years ago. There has probably been more progress in electrical devices in the last ten years than in anything else, and Paducah should get the benefit of it, instead of plodding along with this antiquated machinery that most cities would throw to the scrap pile."

"We hope to get a complete alternating outfit that will furnish either arc or street lights, and incandescent lights. It will cost something to get the machinery but the city will save a great deal of money in the long run, and have better lights for many years to come, besides."

Republicans, do not fail to register Tuesday, October 4th, 6 a. m. to 9 p. m.

A NEW TEACHER

is Necessary for the Mechanicsburg School.

One Class Now Has 83 Pupils—Another Room Is Necessary.

The school in Mechanicsburg is in a deplorable condition, and Supt. Lieb stated this morning that he would urge the board to act immediately in remedying the matter.

"In Mechanicsburg we have one small school, the Langstaff," Supt. Lieb stated, "and this is not half large enough to accommodate the pupils we have attending. In that section there are 137 pupils attending, and one class had a total of 83. This is too much work for a teacher and we had to arrange half-day sessions to enable her to teach. This can not be kept up the remainder of the term and relief must be had. I will urge the board to rent another building and teach one of the grades separate, if they will allow one more teacher."

Supt. Lieb stated that the schools were worked out regularly as to classification in grades. He has arranged the schools so that on an average the grades have 40 pupils each except in Mechanicsburg where nothing short of an additional teacher will suffice. The expense will be a little heavier but the pupils must be taught and the school authorities will be urged to act at the earliest opportunity. It is impossible to build the new \$60,000 school this year but the board will build next year and the expense of the addition of another room to the Langstaff school will be unnecessary, and the only clear remedy is to rent a store room of some kind to serve this year out.

There are four more teachers this year than last year, which indicates the progress made by the schools. Many pupils from private schools have realized the high standard of the public schools and are attending the latter.

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